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## EDITORIAL.

### **Honorary Fellowship Conferred on Mr. W. Benson Thorne.**

—Our readers will be pleased to hear that at the last Council Meeting it was unanimously resolved to confer the Honorary Fellowship on Mr. W. Benson Thorne, F.L.A., Honorary Secretary of the Association, in recognition of his long continued services on its behalf, extending over a period of nearly twenty years. Mr. Thorne has done excellent work for the L.A.A. in a very quiet and unobtrusive manner. From time to time he has filled the offices of Chairman, President, Honorary Editor, and Honorary Secretary, while, as Honorary Secretary to the Education Committee since 1909, he has been to a very large degree responsible for the arrangement of the Sessional Programmes. He will also long be remembered as the joint-author of that most important professional text-book, "A Primer of Library Practice," first published in 1904, and revised and enlarged in 1914.

**Mr. H. C. Sureties.**—From a letter which we have recently seen, we gather the pleasant news that, on the whole, Mr. Sureties' health shows some signs of improvement. His medical adviser assures him that he is better than when he came out of hospital and that "the heart action, from which most danger was apprehended, has very much improved." We feel that we are voicing the heartfelt wishes of the Association when we say how sincerely we trust that this progress will continue until a complete recovery is reached. Meanwhile, the time often seems long to him, and any letters from our readers will be very much appreciated. His address is: Library House, Shepherd's Hill, Highgate, N.

**Our Next Issue.**—In accordance with our usual custom, the next issue of "The Library Assistant" will appear as the August-September number on September 1st.

## **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE 21st ANNUAL MEETING OF THE L.A.A., 14th JUNE, 1916.**

By JAMES ROSS, Librarian, Walton and Fazakerley Library, Liverpool.

Although I would have preferred to have followed the excellent example of the last provincial President by refraining from anything in the nature of a Presidential address, your Honorary Secretary deems it desirable upon the occasion of our coming-of-age that I should make some observations on the work of the Library Assistants' Association, and on librarianship generally.

### **L.A.A. AND ITS WORK.**

It is indeed an achievement to have completed twenty-one years' useful work, and to have developed an Association comprising a mere handful of members into the largest purely professional body of librarians in Europe, and it reflects the greatest credit upon all the officers and members, past and present.

Founded "to promote the professional, educational, and social interests of assistant librarians," the Association has, by means of monthly meetings for the discussion of original papers and the continuous exchange of ideas, international library schools, prize schemes, study circles, and the publication of reports on hours, salaries, and educational facilities, created a useful and efficient type of assistant librarian.

Within the last ten years under a new and more democratic constitution, active self-governing branches have been formed in various parts of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, and in spite of difficulties due to the voluntary enlistment of so many officers and members most of these organizations have succeeded in preserving a measure of vitality.

Our official organ, *The Library Assistant*, by the uniform excellence of its contents during some 20 years' existence, has now a recognised place among the professional periodicals, and although recently somewhat reduced in size through the increased cost of paper, it is to be hoped that any curtailment in the number of its issues will be resisted, as the need for a regular and independent journal was never so pressing as at the present moment.

It would be impossible to estimate the service the Association has rendered in raising the status of the profession. Emphasising consistently the importance of education and the need for qualification, it has assisted in the establishment of classes for the benefit of assistants in various

parts of the country, and by the provision of a serviceable library of professional literature has placed great educational facilities within the reach of all its members. Its excellent Easter Schools, too, have been the means of familiarising English Assistants with continental library methods. At no period in its history has the L.A.A. encouraged professional indifference or inefficiency. In the words of the Editor of the *Library World* the L.A.A. is "an educational and unifying factor of great value to the profession, and has been the means of vitalising and propagating . . . the best activities of the Education Committee of the Library Association. It is not too much to say that in some ways it has been the creator of modern library practice."<sup>1</sup>

#### LIBRARY ASSOCIATION EXAMINATIONS.

Mr. E. A. Savage,<sup>2</sup> in common with a number of prominent librarians and assistants, has recently been protesting against holding the professional examinations in war time, and there is undoubtedly much to be said in support of his arguments. On the other hand if the examinations are suspended, even temporarily, considerable difficulty will be experienced in reviving them again, and in the circumstances the best solution appears to be to restrict the examinations to assistants who have been on the permanent staff of libraries before the outbreak of the war, and to insist that those assistants temporarily admitted into the ranks of librarianship are neither encouraged nor allowed to enter for them.

Following the report of the L.A. Special Education Enquiry Committee certain reforms have been introduced in the examinations this year, notably in the introduction or revival of a preliminary test in English and general knowledge, to the desirability of which the L.A.A. frequently directed attention. It is unlikely that the professional examinations proper will long remain in their present state, and the tendency will not be to simplify the examinations, but to make them more difficult before the qualifying diploma can be secured. So long ago as 1906 Dr. E. A. Baker revealed by his ingeniously reconstructed scheme of examination that some recasting was in contemplation, and the scheme of revision recently outlined by Miss Fegan, which bears some affinity to that proposed by Dr. Baker, though perhaps a little less formidable, confirms the impression. It consists of three parts:

1. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION on the lines of the existing one, embracing such compulsory subjects as English literature,

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid*, January, 1916.

<sup>1</sup> *Library World*, April, 1916.

grammar, composition, general history and geography, and elementary mathematics, with an optional subject, either a language or scientific subject.

2. **INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION**, embracing elementary library routine, cataloguing and classification.
3. **FINAL EXAMINATION** for Diploma, embracing four compulsory subjects: Advanced cataloguing (with practical questions), Classification, Book selection (theory and practice), and Library legislation, and one optional subject from the following: Literary history, palaeography, bibliography.

In each of these sections all subjects are to be taken at the same time, with an interval of twelve months between Section 1 and 2, and two years between part 2 and the Final. The scheme is interesting and will no doubt receive the serious consideration of both the L.A. and the L.A.A. in the near future. While avoiding anything in the way of detailed criticism it is somewhat surprising to find such important and basic subjects as Literary history and Bibliography relegated to an optional category.

#### SCHOOL OF LIBRARIANSHIP.

The necessity for a school of Librarianship has again been revived through the publication of Professor Adams's Report to the Carnegie Trustees—quite one of the most valuable documents relating to Public Libraries in this country. He considers that "the time is ripe for establishing two training schools, one in the north, and one in the south, where students may remain for a period to undergo continuous special training," but obviously nothing can be done in this direction until after the war.

#### SALARIES AND REGISTRATION FOR APPOINTMENTS.

As a Branch Secretary I am frequently asked if nothing can be done to put an end to the degrading practice of publishing in journals of national importance advertisements for Librarians and Assistants at salaries out of all proportion to the qualifications demanded, and which a dock labourer would scorn. Is it not time that the Library Assistants' Association and the Library Association combined for the preparation and publication of a scale of remuneration to be regarded as the minimum for highly trained librarians and assistants? So long as the profession is underpaid the work performed by our institutions will be correspondingly undervalued.

Some alarm has recently been caused by the Library Association announcement of a "Scheme for the registration of assistant librarians for appointments" (since modified to "temporary appointments"), an innovation described by a

contemporary as a "stab in the back for those library assistants on service."<sup>1</sup> The statement that "all the names that appear *suitable* will be submitted . . . without selection" is rather unfortunate, for does not the separation of the *suitable* from the *unsuitable* involve an act of selection?

### LIBRARIES IN WAR TIME.

Since the outbreak of the war Libraries have been passing through a most critical period, and misinterpretation of the unfortunate Local Government Board Circular has been responsible in some districts for a diminished income and book purchasing fund. On the whole, however, our institutions have preserved wonderful vitality, as evidenced by the remarkably high issues all over the country, which but confirms Mr. Buchan's statement at the English Association conference<sup>2</sup> "that more books and better books are being read to-day than ever before." The Library Association rightly urges "that nothing be done to impair the efficiency and usefulness of public libraries which have been established after much effort, and at comparatively small cost to the local authorities," though this resolution does not appear to have received the publicity it warrants.

Librarians as a body have endeavoured to maintain their institutions at the highest point of efficiency, and to adapt their work to the need of the hour. Apart from supplying the fullest and most reliable information on the causes and development of the war, the countries involved, the making of munitions, etc., libraries have served as definite information departments, rendering enormous assistance in the matter of recruiting, and in advertising and explaining the importance and advantages of the National War Loans. In the collection and distribution of literature among our gallant troops they have, in co-operation with the Camps Library, rendered notable service.

Library authorities are now looking far beyond the war, and realising that victory in economic struggles of the future will very largely depend on educational equipment, are steadily revising, strengthening, and co-ordinating the stocks of their Libraries, especially the social, technical, industrial and commercial sections, in order that the highest possible service may be rendered to the community. At the same time Libraries are continuing to stimulate interest in the masterpieces of literature, as illustrated by the special exhibitions of books in connexion with the Shakespeare, Cervantes, and Brontë celebrations.

<sup>1</sup> *Librarian*, September, 1915, p. 135.

<sup>2</sup> *Times Literary Supplement*, June 1st, 1916, p. 253.

## LIBRARIANSHIP AFTER THE WAR.

There is some uncertainty as to whether all those colleagues who have gallantly assumed a share in the defence of their country will return to the ranks of librarianship, and consequently it is not improbable that the employment of women assistants will become more general in libraries. Some of the temporary appointments made during the war will no doubt become permanencies, and it, therefore, behoves the Library Assistants' Association to see that all assistants at present on the country's service, desiring to return to their former work, shall not find their positions jeopardised in any way.

Conditions of work will inevitably be vastly changed. Administrative work, I imagine, will have diminished importance attached to it, and definite assistance to readers will become the first consideration. It will not be enough to refer readers to elaborately and ingeniously compiled catalogues, or to leave them to the mercy of unqualified juniors. The highly trained Assistants and Librarians will have to get into *direct* touch with the readers, whether students, engineers, artisans or clerks, ascertain their requirements, and *exhaust* the resources of the library in supplying their wants! More than ever will readers be encouraged to *ask* for information, and it will be our duty to supply it expeditiously, utilising all time-saving appliances to that end. Up-to-dateness will be the *keynote* of our institutions, and Dr. Baker's ideal of "providing not only books, but the best books, not only reading, but courses of reading, not only material, but material organised for use" will be approximated. Catalogues so far from being superseded will become more minute and embrace much analytical work. Special lists of books on definite subjects, as engineering, shipbuilding, architecture, chemical technology, the numerous branches of commerce, etc., will be prepared in greater abundance, and distributed *gratis* among residents, workshops, factories, business houses—in fact wherever they are likely to appeal. Among other activities to be more highly developed may be mentioned work with schools, and other educational agencies as the Workers' Educational Association, University Extension Board, and National Home Reading Union, and public lectures, both popular and educational.

With all this development there will come a corresponding demand for more highly trained librarians. In addition to an all-round technical training, the acquisition of special knowledge of some particular science, art, etc., will be increasingly necessary, and the larger and more complete the library the

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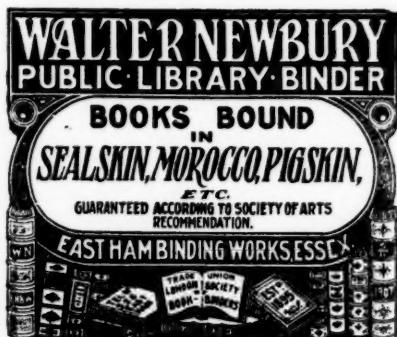
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F. W. T. LANGE,

Librarian, and Compiler of "Books on the Great War."

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## **The Library Assistants' Association**

has done much good work for its Members and for LIBRARIANSHIP GENERALLY in the past. It has stimulated individual effort towards increased efficiency; it has always urged the further development of the Public Library Movement; it has stood for better conditions and has claimed a **STANDING FOR THE PROFESSION**. At the moment the Association is extending its influences and work, and needs the support and co-operation of all who are qualified for Membership; difficult problems lie ahead which can only be faced effectually by a strong Association.

### **YOU CAN DO SOMETHING.**

You can quicken interest in your own vicinity. You can get new Members, or secure subscribers to "THE LIBRARY ASSISTANT." Perhaps you can obtain advertisements for "The Library Assistant."

### **WILL YOU TRY TO DO SOMETHING**

for your Association? And will you try now? Remember that the L.A.A. was established **TWENTY YEARS AGO**, and holds a recognized position. It is no new venture with its way to make.

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more important will the possession of specialized knowledge become. The *contents* of books must become as familiar as their *titles*, and assistants having definite leanings towards a subject should be encouraged to specialize and further their researches. Obviously an assistant possessing musical ability, for instance, will become more valuable to the institution if he develops the theoretical and historical phases of the subject, and familiarises himself with the known literature; similarly an interest in natural history should lead to the scientific study of botany or zoology.

Nor must Librarians hesitate to utilise every legitimate means of revealing to the public at large the nature and importance of their work—what Public Libraries are doing and may do—for until people believe in our institutions as they believe in schools and universities we cannot hope for recognition commensurate with the importance of the work performed.

Finally, let me urge upon you the necessity for a strong and united association, *with a live and vigorous policy*. Each member in his or her district may contribute much in emphasising the importance of our work and the present need for co-ordination and unity. This is no time for inertia, and as your Honorary Secretary observes "We must get ready to go forward with the great educational revival which is sure to follow the declaration of peace."

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## PROCEEDINGS.

### TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

The Twenty-First Annual Business Meeting of the Association was held at the Bishopsgate Institute, E.C., on Wednesday, 14th June, at 7.30 p.m. The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. Evan G. Rees, supported by Mr. W. Benson Thorne, Honorary Secretary. The Minutes of the Twentieth Annual Meeting held at Sion College on June 23rd, 1915, having been read and confirmed, Mr. Rees moved the adoption of the Twenty-First Annual Report, as printed in our last issue. In moving its adoption, Mr. Rees briefly reviewed the outstanding features, and said that notwithstanding the peculiarities of the year, the Report was a very worthy one indeed, and showed that although about 151 members had enlisted, there was still enough life left in the Association to carry on things. The best thanks of the Association were due to Mr. Thorne for all he had done to keep things going through the year. Mr. Thorne, in seconding the adoption of the Report, contrasted the present very humble meeting with what we had always hoped the twenty-first annual meeting would be, and referred to the large number of members in the profession who were serving their country, not a few of whom had earned promotion. Mr. Thorne also spoke of the loss which the Association had sustained during the year by the death of Mr. H. T. Coutts.

The Chairman then formally announced the name of the new President, Mr. James Ross, of the Walton and Fazakerley Library, Liverpool, and spoke appreciatively of his work for librarianship in general, and for the

L.A.A. in particular. His absence from the Annual Meeting was to be regretted, but the present circumstances made it quite impossible for Mr. Ross to attend. Mr. Evan G. Rees was elected Vice-President, and the Officers and Council of 1915-16 were declared re-elected. The President's Address, as printed in our columns, was read by the Honorary Secretary. In moving a vote of thanks, the Chairman expressed our appreciation for the remarks of our new President, and said that the Association had been fortunate in securing such a man for the position. The motion was ably seconded by Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers, who spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Ross's qualifications for the Presidency. He had known Mr. Ross for all the years he had been in librarianship, and could second all that had been said about his excellence, his progressive spirit, his highly educated views of libraries and everything connected with them. In his hands, none of the dignity, none of the forward policy of the Association would suffer.

Mr. Sayers also moved a vote of thanks to the Officers and Council for their services during the past year, which was seconded by Mr. F. E. Sandry. Mr. Rees replied briefly, and the Proceedings terminated.

### THE L.A.A.

#### TWENTY-ONE YEARS' WORK: MESSAGES FROM SOME PROMINENT LIBRARIANS.

Twenty-one years ago on July 17th the L.A.A. held its first general Meeting. The idea resulting in its formation grew out of the Summer Schools for Assistants arranged by the Library Association; R. A. Peddie, W. W. Fortune, E. H. Caddie, A. H. Carter, and F. M. Roberts being some of the men who brought the Association into being. The founders set high ideals before them, and some notable meetings characterised those early days of high enthusiasm; at times the enthusiasm has waned, but the ideals have been maintained, and looking back we can see that the Association has achieved many worthy objects during its twenty-one years' existence. Standing to its credit are Study Circles, important Prize Schemes, valued Reports, Easter Schools, minor publications of great technical excellence, a journal with an eighteen years' unbroken record, as well as eight Provincial Branches. In addition, it has earned the regard of prominent men in all departments of life, who have expressed their approval in generous terms; librarians from the greatest to the least have recognised the power of the Association in quickening the professional interests of its members, and the members themselves willingly testify to the advantages their active co-operation in its work has brought. But above and beyond all this there has always been the influence flowing forth which has had for its object the furtherance of the Public Library Movement, the stimulation of effort to render these institutions the agencies of service to all, which they were designed to be, and a never-failing insistence that Librarianship is a high calling in which those privileged to serve should rejoice.

The Association reaches its majority at a time when all the things it has fought for and cherished seem about to be engulfed in the overwhelming triumph of the powers of darkness, when civilization appears on the point of collapse and the progress of mankind set back for generations: its work, therefore, in the present can be little more than an effort to maintain the organization intact, prepared for the time when re-growth and new developments are possible and when from the present conflict humanity will emerge to devote itself to the arts of Peace and Reconstruction.

W.B.T.

L. STANLEY JAST, *Deputy Chief Librarian, Manchester.*

I very heartily congratulate the L.A.A. on having successfully weathered the dangers and ailments incidental to youth.

The Association has long ago justified its existence, and has in many respects set an example of energy and efficiency to the "Upper House."

The Association reaches manhood at a very difficult time for libraries, as for all other agencies and bodies which are concerned with ideas rather than with things. Everybody is so absorbed in the material side of the present war that the immaterial issues are apt to be overlooked, although nothing is more certain than that outer events are invariably the results of inner ones, and that the future of Europe depends upon right thinking, and *ultimately* on nothing else whatever.

It is for those who know this to be true, to make their voices heard, and I hope that the Library Assistants' Association will do its best to draw the attention of the public to the fact that books made the present war, and that if peace is to be secured after it, it can only be by adequate reading and adequate thinking on the part of every existing and prospective citizen.

HERBERT JONES, *Chief Librarian, Kensington.*

Older members will recollect the interest taken by Mr. Jones in the welfare of the L.A.A. in the early days, when the late B. L. Dyer was its Honorary Secretary and Editor.—*Ed.*

That the Library Assistants' Association has reached its majority is a fact that will, I think, give satisfaction and pleasure to every librarian, as it certainly does to me. To library assistants, in addition to such satisfaction and pleasure, it must certainly give a very justifiable pride.

Their work in creating and maintaining a new association has been arduous, varied, and faced with many difficulties. All these difficulties have been met and overcome by patience, prudence, and I venture to say, above all, by an abiding belief in their work and a zeal for the cause of that librarianship whose future is so largely in their hands. As an old librarian, whose own "majority" is now only a dim remembrance, I offer to the Association my heartiest good wishes for their continued success, and the hope that the attainment of that majority, may, while it adds to their responsibility, also add to their future usefulness and energy in the cause of libraries and librarianship.

T. W. LYSTER, M.A., *National Library of Ireland ;  
President, Central Irish Branch.*

As well-administered libraries are essential to the welfare of the civilized state, and as libraries cannot be well-administered without the enthusiasm and intelligence of library staffs, I value highly the Library Assistants' Association, whose splendid educative influences are for the good of libraries, of librarians—and of the people whom they serve.

It is noteworthy what a series of admirable officers your Association has managed to secure—editors and secretaries pass, and are succeeded; and fore-runners and successors are always devoted, intelligent, and capable! It is one of many proofs of the quality of the body which supplies these officers. Nothing can be more hopeful for the library movement.

I am an admirer of *The Library Assistant*, and read both its original papers and the debates at your meetings with interest and profit.

As time goes on, your Association will verify the most brilliant hopes, which I entertain concerning it, in common with you and my fellow librarians.

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S. A. PITT, *City Librarian, Glasgow.*

The Library Assistants' Association is to be congratulated on having completed twenty-one years of valued service, not to library assistants alone, but to all engaged in library work, and it must be particularly gratifying to those who were chiefly responsible for the formation of the Association to review its useful career. By its co-operation with others the education of assistants has been much improved and their conditions of service greatly bettered, and under the able guidance of its enthusiastic officers the future of the Association may be regarded with confidence. I desire to offer to the Association my sincere wishes for its continued success and prosperity.

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WALTER POWELL, *Chief Librarian, Birmingham ;  
Hon. President of the Midland Branch.*

I understand that the Library Assistants' Association has just reached its twenty-first birthday, and hasten to offer the Association and its officials my hearty congratulations on its excellent youth and best wishes for continued prosperity in its manhood.

That the Association supplied a want was best shown by its immediate and continued success, and none can doubt that it has been an invaluable training ground, especially to those who hesitate to make themselves heard in the older Association.

Perhaps, after all, the most satisfactory reflection is that the Association came into being because the time had arrived

for it; because the younger men realised, perhaps for the first time, the strength and weakness of their own position, and because the right men were available to give them a strong lead towards organisation, enabling them to raise the status of assistant librarianship generally.

I hope the Association will continue its good work in the future under leaders as capable and enthusiastic as those of the past, and that, in due course, it may celebrate its centenary, though I hardly expect to be then in a position to offer further congratulations.

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F. M. ROBERTS, *Stepney Public Libraries*;

*Formerly Honorary Secretary and Chairman of the L.A.A.*

I am pleased to have the opportunity of adding my congratulations to the L.A.A. on attaining its majority. It is gratifying to those who assisted in its foundation to know that it has survived its early struggles and now takes its place as a necessary part in the public library organisation of this country. It started well, and from small beginnings has grown and progressed steadily to its present important position.

We had looked forward to a very different celebration of the twenty-first anniversary, but we must await a more favourable opportunity and combine it with a welcome back to our members when they return from the present struggle to their more peaceful avocation.

Never was the L.A.A. more necessary, and strenuous as have been the labours of its officers and executive in the past, they must be greatly increased in the near future. Never were the re-actionary forces so strong, and the public library movement will be in great danger of having its activities seriously curtailed in the coming economies in local government. The L.A.A. must be ready to take its part in doing all that lies in its power to prevent this. It has done great things in the past—there are greater things yet to be done.

I have great faith in the future of the L.A.A.

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HENRY D. ROBERTS, *Director, Public Library, Museums, etc., Brighton*; *Hon. President of the South Coast Branch.*

It is something of a shock to find that the Library Assistants' Association is celebrating its majority this year and that, as far as I am concerned, it is nearly half a life time since it was inaugurated.

As I was intimately connected with the Association in its early moments, I am glad of the opportunity which has been given me of contributing a note to the July issue of the *Library Assistant*.

The Association continually met in the St. Saviour's Public Library, Southwark, in its younger days, and I believe I am right in saying that I was the second Librarian and the first Public Librarian to address the Association. The first speaker was the ever-to-be-regretted Mr. Frank Campbell, and I remember that he was good enough to print his address so that it could be sent to members who were unable to be present. The Association did not boast a journal in those days.

I do not think any of us ever expected the Association to fill the important place which it certainly does in modern librarianship. I recall with pleasure the many delightful meetings which I attended in those far-off days, and although of later years I have not been able for many reasons to take a prominent part in the affairs of the Association, I have nevertheless watched its steady growth with most sympathetic interest, and it has been my privilege from time to time to read various papers before your members. That my interest still continues is perhaps proved by the fact that I have been delighted to have been of some assistance in forming the South Coast Branch, and to be its first and so far only Honorary President. One of the greatest pleasures which my connection with the Association has given me was that it did me the honour to appoint me one of its Honorary Fellows.

One looks back on the list of the early members and congratulates the library profession on the distinction which so many of them have already achieved in the work of their choice. At the same time one remembers with regret the many other good fellows who have been called to their long rest. My best wishes go with the Association for its successful future as they have always been with it in its excellent past.

*Note.—Owing to the limited space now at our disposal, we are compelled to hold over a number of interesting messages for our next issue.—ED.*

### L.A.A. ROLL OF HONOUR.

As we are frequently hearing of members who have gained promotion, may we ask that particulars be sent to us of any promotions known to our readers, in order that we may have the privilege of recording them in our Roll.—*Ed.*

**East Ham:** O. W. STONE (6th Batt., Rifle Brigade).

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**Winchester:** †A. CECIL PIPER (Rifle Brigade).

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